

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain in this application.

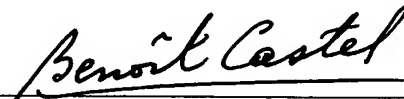
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure

A B S T R A C T

In an implementation in rate gyro mode, the method comprises the steps of exciting the vibrating member by means of a combination of control signals comprising an amplitude control signal at the resonant frequency of the vibrating member or at a frequency twice the resonant frequency, a precession control signal at a frequency twice the resonant frequency, and a quadrature control signal at DC, at the resonant frequency, or at a frequency twice the resonant frequency. In free gyro mode, the method includes the steps of applying a combination of signals to common electrodes 5 and of applying said combination in alternation to main electrodes 5.1 and 5.2 and to secondary electrodes 7.1 and 7.2 interleaved between the main electrodes.